

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** The Marijuana Chef Cookbook

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 802308

**Medium:** Book

**Author:** S.T. Oner

**Publisher:** Green Candy Press

**Country of origin:** United States

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Comptroller of Customs

<b>Classification:</b> Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 24 April 2009

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The book is classified as objectionable because of the extent and degree to which, and the manner in which, it promotes and encourages criminal acts under s3(3)(d) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The book validates and normalises the use of an illegal drug. It contains information on how to process and use marijuana in everyday cookery, and how to avoid the legal consequences of this drug use. It therefore promotes and encourages criminal acts to a high extent and degree.

The Classification Office has weighed the competing considerations of the issues raised above and the right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression. However, given the extent and degree to which, and the manner in which, the publication promotes criminal drug use, this decision is reasonable, demonstrably justified, and consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.